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### **Pair Charged with Pomona Killing in 2013**

Two men charged with the fatal shooting of a man at his apartment pleaded not guilty yesterday, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Raymonn Dontel Benson (dob 9/12/91) and Joseph Howard Brooks (dob 5/22/92) have each been charged with one count of murder in case KA107748.

The felony complaint includes a special allegation that the defendants personally and intentionally discharged a firearm, causing great bodily injury and death.

Additionally, the complaint alleges that Brooks was previously convicted of second-degree commercial burglary in Los Angeles and Orange counties in 2014.

Deputy District Attorney Cynthia Valenzuela, who is prosecuting the case, said on April 19, 2013, Darrell Gray was found shot to death in his Pomona apartment.

Following a year and a half investigation, police arrested Benson and Brooks in connection with the killing.

The defendants are scheduled to return to court on April 29 for a pre-preliminary hearing at the Los Angeles County Superior Court in Pomona, Department F.

If convicted as charged, the two men face a possible maximum sentence of life in state prison.

The case is being investigated by the Pomona Police Department.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](#) prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.